

NOTES

NOTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT GROUP: July 10 9:00p.m.

Chairman Obie Benz conducted the meeting.

Research: little has been done in this area lately. They have decided not to do an expose, but instead will try to present a straight forward, objective analysis of the relationship between the town and the college. Mr. Hurley and Mr. Brindel will help them to compile the survey.

Obie spoke at the Selectmen's meeting, and felt they were responsive to what he said and impressed with what the CIG is doing.

Head-Start: the group made a profit of \$60 at the Bristol Fair. Julia Alvarez is making Gods-eyes at Breadloaf and has made \$40. The Head-Start program started this week. There are 16 children who come from 9-12 every morning. They have recieved a \$75 grant from OEO and a \$100 donation. The program is running low on paper and hope to find some on a discount. They have been looking for other Head-Start programs around the Middlebury area, but found there were no others. They need people interested in recruiting more children for the program, as it is difficult to decide what children qualify. The possibility of opening a program in Cornwall was discussed, but Obie felt it was financially impossible at this time. Rena Gearhart suggested that the group wait until August. There is a meeting of those interested in Head-Start on Sunday at 8:30 p.m.

Teen Center: the Teen Center opened last Wednesday, and Obie felt that the atmosphere was good, but that the performers played too constantly. He suggested that there be shorter sets. The jukebox can also be used. The group discussed the possibility of a partition in the room so that ~~some~~ some people can talk if they wish. The high school students expressed an interest in having the Teen Center open more than one night a week. They felt there would be no trouble. Obie expressed his concern about drugs being connected with the Center. A parental supervisor is required, and Obie said he would speak to Mr. Cambell. Monday night has been ~~at~~ set aside for cleaning up the Center and the back room. Andy Marks and Peter Oliver are scheduled to perform on Wed. night. The high school students thought that the entertainment should be on Fri. nights, and that admission should be charged on those nights. The ~~group~~ group decided on radio and poster publicity.

Voter Registration: Obie spoke with Mrs. Irwin who is with the League of Women Voters. They are trying to register low-income people (John Graham has a list). This involves driving the people to the town clerks to have them registered and making sure their names are on the list. A League member would go with one CIG member to register the people. Obie will get a schedule for those interested.

OEO: John Graham has suggested that the CIG help the people in the Municipal Building who are sorting and distributing clothing. One CIG member who had already done this expressed a doubt as to the necessity of doing this. She felt there was already enough help.

State-wide Issues: The League of Women Voters needs help to gather data about state-wide issues. They are also soliciting new members. The requirements are that you be over 18 yrs. of age and that you make a \$5 donation each year.

Sunday the 19th there is a green-up at Meads Woods. The committee needs help, but they cannot use more than ten people. Those interested should contact Obie Benz.